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Party pad

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Bring back
that loving
'60s feeling
for a nightLISA MURPHY-LAMB
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No host worth her weight in canapés needs a legitimate reason to throw a blowout bash. "Because it's Monday" she might reason or "peonies make a great centre-piece."

But consider this: It's been 40 years since people, young and old, flocked to San Francisco for a new social experience, free food and some free loving. Yes, this summer marks the 40th anniversary of The Summer of Love.

There's your legitimate reason. It's time to throw a party.

Planning to celebrate the loving feeling of 1967 is easier than you think. From blow-up chairs to lava lamps, this city is full of treasures, authentic and not, to transform your home into a party pad for a night.

Enthralled with the idea of throwing a '60s-inspired cocktail party myself, I began my research. I wanted to create a scene where guests felt they were stepping into a swinging 1960s party pad. The sort of place where there might not be any food (but of course there would be), but there would be three types of vodka in the freezer and a case of Champagne in the fridge.

For inspiration, I turned to design experts, books and the movies.

"You don't have to go pure '60s to create a fun, '60s feel," says Sandra Young, owner of Willow Studio on Kensington Road.

Think of contemporary elements and add a retro splash. Lava lamps, beaded curtains and shag rugs easily come to mind.

Not everything, or even anything, has to be bought new. Scour garage sales, Young suggests, and look for beanbag chairs, items with butterflies and flowers, and coloured, textured, and cylindrical glassware reminiscent of the decade.

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SANDRA YOUNG,
OWNER OF WILLOW STUDIOLeah Hennel, Calgary Herald
Garden sandal ceramic in orange, \$15, at Willow Studio.

Marcy Monford, design consultant, recommends playing with shape, like the circle or the globe, to give the party an authentic feel. Create something with Hula Hoops or vinyl records. Use records as serving trays or to create a feature wall by hanging either the records themselves or their covers.

Chrome, glass and wild colours like pink, orange and turquoise are perfect for a summer party. Use colour with reckless abandon in your

candles, linens and plates.

Armed with a list of ideas, I headed to second-hand stores. Shopping in a large venue like Value Village can be overwhelming if you're not sure what you want. But if you've done your homework, then a trip to the housewares section can take just a few minutes.

Initially, I hadn't planned to buy furniture for my party. But while scouring a Salvation Army store, I spotted a low, sleek black sofa and chair with large red poppies. It was dusty but in perfect condition. The best part about this fabulous find was that the set was half price — \$50 for both pieces.

Several shopping trips later, I completed my party-pad vision. I was able to find martini glasses, Champagne bowls, wine glasses, vases etched with naked go-go dancers, daisy serving trays and dishes, inspired glassware and retro linens. I mixed my second-hand finds with dishes and glassware of my own. (Houseware items ranged in price from 25 cents to \$15.)

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Creating The Party Pad

Like the idea of transforming your home into a '60s party pad that's big on style and the perfect backdrop for a good time? Creativity, clean lines and attention to details are needed to create a groovin' party atmosphere. Check out these resources:

Reference Books

- Collecting the 1960s by Madeleine Marsh (Octopus Publishing Group Ltd., 2004)
- 60s! A Catalog of Memories and Artifacts by John and Gordon Javna (St. Martin's Griffin, 1988)
- Ceramics of the '50s & '60s by Steven Jenkins (Miller's, 1991)
- Sixties Design by Philippe Garner (Taschen, 1996)
- '60s Decorative Art: A Source Book, edited by Charlotte & Peter Fiell (Taschen, 2000)



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AROUND THE HOUSE

Liberty coming to Calgary

NEW STORE • Vancouver-based home decor store Liberty is coming to Calgary this fall, a migration prompted by strong demand from an existing client base in the city.

So great is the store's appeal, Calgary customers have been known to drive directly from the Vancouver airport to the shop, says general manager Colette Soros. She attributes Liberty's popularity to its unique home offerings combined with customer service.

"Our product is very distinctive. We try not to have what everyone else has," says Soros.

The merchandise is dominated by classically inspired pieces with a modern twist, priced to suit different budgets. She adds the shopping experience sets the store apart.

"Liberty strives to engage the senses, from the fountains and fresh flowers to the music and scented candles. It is a welcoming, interactive environment."

The Calgary store will be modelled after Vancouver's flagship shop — complete with vaulted ceilings, abundant natural light and original art — and will be located at the foot of Mount Royal on 14 St. S.W. near 17 Ave., just blocks from the Design District.

The Calgary location will carry furniture, accessories, lighting, children's products and garden goods. For a preview of Liberty's offerings go to Libertyinside.com.

—Lisa Kadane, Calgary Herald

Counter cleanups

PRODUCTS • Your cleaning products need to keep up with new trends in kitchen surfaces.

If you're replacing your old Arborite counters with granite or marble, or enamel appliances with stainless steel, then upgrade your cleaners, too. Look for either a multi-purpose product that mentions your surface on the label, or a specialty product that focuses on just one material, such as stainless steel.

Watch for new products to appear as new surfaces become mass-market available. Now on the market, among others, is Fantastik OxyPower Multi-Purpose Cleaner. It cleans microwaves, stainless steel, chrome, sinks, ceramic tile and glass as well as carpet, fabric and upholstery.

Another general cleanser, Pledge Multi-Surface Clean and Dust spray, is safe for wood, glass, stainless steel, electronics, sealed marble and granite, and promises no waxy buildup.

More specific products include Method's Stainless Steel Cleaner and Polish and Method's Ylang Ylang Daily Shower Spray for tiles. Both products are naturally derived and non-toxic. (You can find a list of retailers at method-home.com.)

Fruits and Passion makes an Art Home Ecological Counter-top Cleaner with organic ingredients. It's handy for sinks, cupboards, appliances, ranges, hoods, outdoor grills and in the bathroom (retailers at fruit-passion.com).

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West Springs \$499,000

59 West Springs Close, SW
Charming heritage style 1726 s.f. home w/ front veranda & south backyard, quiet cul-de-sac. Features gleaming hardwood floors, white country kitchen, main floor den, formal dining room, 3 bedrooms, sunny deck, no maintenance vinyl fence.

Christie Estates \$799,000

148 Christie Park View, SW
Spacious brick bungalow with developed walkout basement, total of 3100 s.f. of development, 2 + 2 bdrms, hardwood & slate floors, wet bar, granite counters, vaulted ceilings thru most of main lvl, walkout family room is open to main floor.

Discovery \$559,000

#302, 10 Discovery Ridge Hill SW
Stylish & spacious townhouse with double garage, over 1700 s.f. of luxurious living space, kitchen w/ granite counters, 3 bedrooms/3 baths, convenient location steps to coffee shop, wine & convenience stores, siding onto tranquil greenbelt.

Strathcona \$799,000

28 Strathlea Place, SW
Location, location, location - backing onto the ravine & into a tranquil grove of trees! This hillside bungalow offers a total of almost 2700 s.f. of living space, 1 + 2 bedrooms, open plan, sunny, + developed walkout basement. Triple garage.

West Springs \$589,000

7 West Jensen Place, SW
Stylish attached bungalow (not a condo), built in 2006, with developed basement, 2200 s.f. of development, 3 bdrms in total, hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, granite counters, upgraded appliances, skylight, 2 fireplaces, sunny south backyard.

Strathcona \$1,150,000

66 Strathridge Grove, SW
Much sought after location, one of the best streets on the west side, backing west onto the ravine, 2500 s.f. 2-storey, 3 bdrms & main floor den, plus walkout basement with newly developed wet bar, 4th bedroom & r.i. media room.

Strathcona \$650,000

57 Strathlea Grove, SW
Huge pie lot on child-friendly cul-de-sac, 2140 s.f. home + dev'd basement (almost 3000'), 3 + 1 bdrms & den with French doors, vaulted bonus room, 2 1/2 p, Island kitchen, extensive hardwood & tile floors. Oversized double garage.

Aspen Estates \$1,995,000

159 Aspen Meadows Place, SW
Spectacular 5700 s.f. walkout bungalow, dramatic open plan with soaring ceilings, walkout with dual staircases flanking a full height stone fireplace, home gym, wine cellar, home theatre, spa, doggie shower & auto lovers oversize triple garage.

West Springs \$695,000

161 Wentworth Park, SW
Huge pie lot, like your own private park, incredible landscaping with large pond & waterfall, bridge, heritage stone patios, deck, fire-pit & an aspen grove! 2000 s.f. 2-storey + fully developed basement, total 4 bedrooms, quiet cul-de-sac location.

See more of Sam's
listings inside